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SUBJECT: STATUS OF NDRE PROPOSAL FOR SITE TESTS OF SENSORS

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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR AMERICANS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ON-SITE TESTING OF REF SENSORS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ALREADY SOME AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICERS ATTACHED TO UNIFIL, THE LESS THE AMERICAN PRESENCE THE BETTER. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WITH UNIFIL MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE PALESTINIANS TO COOPERATE WITH UNITED NATIONS FORCES, PARTICULARLY WHEN DEVICES ARE BEING INSTALLED PRIMARILY TO DETECT THEIR MOVEMENTS.

2. THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL SECURITY RISKS IN SOUTH LEBANON. MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF THE DEVICES MAY ALSO LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE AND WILD SPECULATION IN THE PRESS ABOUT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN EXOTIC DEVICES DEPLOYED AGAINST PALESTINIANS (E.G., SYRIAN ACCUSATIONS THAT US PLANTED ATOMIC DEVICE ON GOLAN HEIGHTS).

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3. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT NO AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN ON-SITE TESTING. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT NO AMERICAN CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE, UNLESS THEIR PARTICIPATION IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EQUIPMENT.
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